

This is a sample application. Applications will only be accepted during an open call for applications that are submitted via Invest NI's online application system.

Step 1

Application Information

Innovation Voucher

The **Innovation Voucher programme** assists companies along the innovation process. An Innovation Voucher provides funding to small and medium-sized businesses to work with an expert Knowledge Provider from a University, College or other Public Sector Research Body bringing new knowledge to help businesses innovate, develop and grow.

The application is likely to take 2 hours to complete. You can save your work and return to the application at any time.

You will need the following to complete this application

- · Information on your business, such as details on the number of employees and your turnover.
- Details of product(s)/service(s) you wish to develop, including research you have carried out into the commercial need for it.
- Details of the Knowledge Provider that you propose to work with (if you have decided on one).

Important information

You should have read and understood the Guidance Notes and FAQs.

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Privacy

For details on how we use your personal data, including your rights, please see Invest NI's privacy notice.

As this financial support is sourced from public funds Invest NI will, in the interest of openness and transparency, proactively **publish limited information** on the scheme including:

- · Name of applicant.
- Application title
- · Amount of assistance

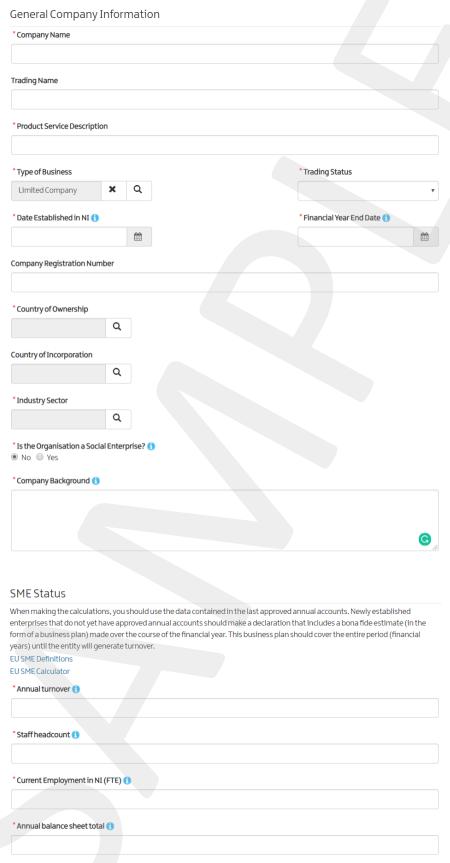
Accessibility

If you require an application form in an alternative format, please contact **equality@investni.com** or see our **Equality Statement** for further details.

A response is required for all questions marked with *.

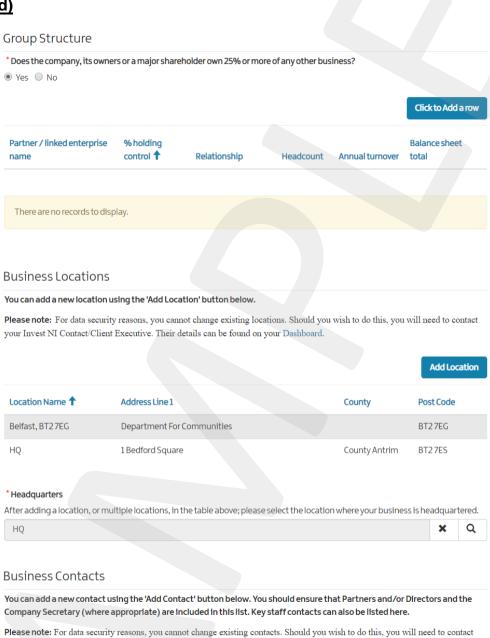
*I have read the guidance notes







Step 2 (continued)





your Invest NI Contact/Client Executive. Their details can be found on your Dashboard. Not all contacts listed here may have access

to the MyINI portal.



Project Details	
* Main Project Contact	
Select Main Project Contact.	
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* Project Title	
	title (between 3-20 words). This application title, alongside details of your mend you choose a title that will not disclose commercially sensitive
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*Business Overview	
	uct/service area, customer base, how long company has been established, e with no trading history please provide information on your of other experience that might be relevant.
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Innovation project
he information in this section will be considered by the assessment panel to determine if an Innovation Voucher should be awarded. It nportant that this section demonstrates the need for, and benefits of, engagement with a Knowledge Provider to develop an innovativo olution to the particular business issue.
n instances in which an existing solution is readily available from the private sector, it is unlikely that an Innovation Voucher will be warded. If insufficient or unclear information is provided, Invest NI may not be able to fully appraise the project, and this may result in our application being rejected.
* Business issue and activity required * What is the business issue you would like to address in your proposed innovation project and what specific activity would you like
the Knowledge Provider to undertake on your behalf to help solve the business issue? Please explain if/why this project might help alleviate any issues that your business is experiencing as a result of COVID-19?
*Innovation
Considering your target market, please explain how you think your proposed product or service is novel/different/innovative/unique.
*Assessment of market need
$What work \ (i.e.\ in it is a development, market research, analysis, etc)\ has been carried out to assess the need/market for your project?$
*Skills requested
In order to address your business issue, what skills and expertise do you require from the Knowledge Provider?
* Deliverables
What are the outputs you expect the Knowledge Provider to have delivered once your project is completed?
*Business benefits How will your business and the Northern Ireland economy benefit from this project. What are the expected results at the end of the project, and how will these impact on your business?
Previous Innovation Voucher business benefits If you have previously received an Innovation Voucher, what were the outcomes and benefits to your business as a result of the project?



Interaction with a Knowledge Provider
*Identified Knowledge Provider Have you identified a Knowledge Provider from Invest NI's list of approved Knowledge Providers? Click here to view the list. Yes No
Name
Institution/Organisation
Faculty/Department
* Previously used Knowledge Provider Has your business previously used the services of this Knowledge Provider for a knowledge transfer project? Yes No
* Previous research and development activity
Has the business previously undertaken any research and development activity? Yes No
* Have you previously engaged in innovation activity? (1)
○ Yes ○ No
*What would be the effect of not receiving Invest NI assistance for this project? Please select ONE of the options below:
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Declaration	
* Is your company based in Northern Ireland? (1)	
○ Yes ○ No	
*Signatory is entitled to work in Northern Ireland? (1)	
○ Yes ○ No	
* Is your business solvent? (1	
○ Yes ○ No	
*Other Invest NI support	
Has this project been supported or is it likely to be supported by any other Invest NI pro • Yes • No	ogrammes?
If yes, please provide the name of the support programme(s) and year(s) of any suppo	rt.
*Other Non Invest NI support	
Has this project been supported or is it likely to be supported by support, other than fro of the programme(s) and the year(s) you received the support.	om Invest NI? If yes, please provide the name
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I understand Invest NI's data sharing obligations and policies.	
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*I confirm that the information contained in this form is true, accurate and not mis Invest NI is entitled to rely on that information.	leading as at the date of this form, and that
*Authorised Signatory Name	
*Job Title	